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SECURITY INFORMATION			
COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Information on Exercises South and Southwest of Weimar		
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REMARKS	[REDACTED]		
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1. On 9 October 1953, a military exercise was held in an area south and southwest of Weimar bordered by the localities of Ohrdruf, Kranichfeld, Bad-Berka, and Blankenhain. At 9 a.m. on 9 October, 25 T 34/85 tanks [REDACTED] 2 model BA-64 armored scout cars; and 4 to 6 trucks were detrained in Weimar. The train had arrived from the east. Source followed the units involved as far as Bad Berka. Between 8:30 and 9 a.m., elements of a signal unit moved by road through Weimar toward Jena. [REDACTED] eight trucks and two radio trucks. Truck [REDACTED] was loaded with field wire.
2. Detraining operations observed at the Weimar railroad station on 10 October included:
- During the night 12 heavy tanks; at 6 a.m. 6 trucks towing AA guns [REDACTED] 21 trucks loaded with personnel and towing 82 mm mortars; at 7 a.m., 25 T 34/85 tanks [REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] and B 2-78-53, and 1 field kitchen; at 9 a.m., 12 x 75.2 mm AT guns. 38 trucks loaded with a total of about 550 to 600 men [REDACTED] at 11 a.m., 24 T 34/85 tanks, 4 trucks [REDACTED] at 5 p.m., 30 to 35 sidecar motorcycles, 7 T 34/85 tanks [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] a large number of trucks and tanks moved through Goeschwitz by rail and road in the night of 9 to 10 October. The units arrived from the direction of Camburg on the Saale River and proceeded to Rheinstaedter Grund, where, allegedly, large-scale exercises were being held. About 2 a.m. on 11 October, [REDACTED] a convoy of [REDACTED]

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trucks, each towing a 85-mm AA gun; 6 trucks loaded with ammunition boxes, 5 trucks, each loaded with 3 x 500-liter fuel drums; 5 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers with red-bordered black emblems; 5 field kitchens, and 2 kitchen trucks, proceeding to Jena from the direction of Camburg toward Kahla. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Several reports on heavy air activity by numerous fighter and attack regiments, which, along with high-echelon airforce headquarters, had moved to the area between Jena and Weimar and the dispatch of numerous troop trains from the Naumburg and Dessau areas to Jena and Goeschwitz indicated that a maneuver had started south of Weimar around 10 October. No definite information has been obtained to date on the units participating. [REDACTED]

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component units of the 20 Gds Metz Div were detained in Weimar. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it is possible that units, which did not belong to this army, participated in the maneuver. The troops which arrived in the maneuver area by road from Ohrdruf and by rail in Weimar, probably assembled in the woods in the Bad Berka and Blankenhain area.

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